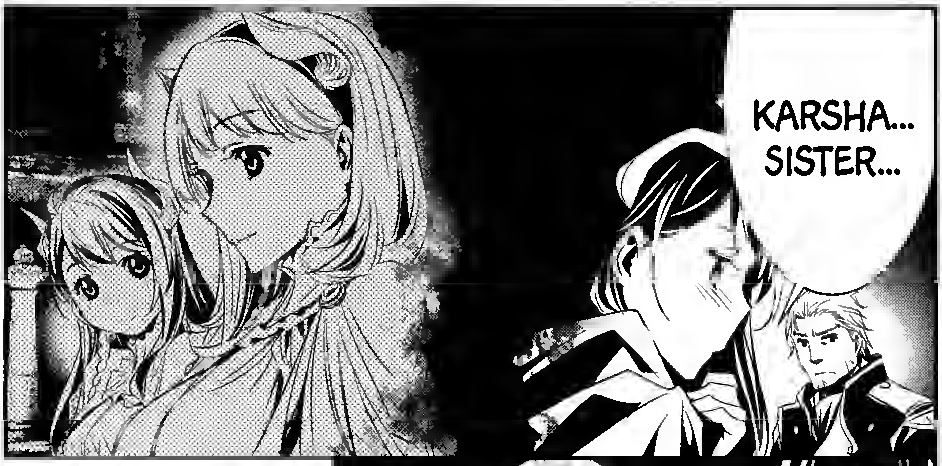
IN ALL MY TWENTY YEARS OF LIFE,
THERE'S ONLY ONE THING I'VE LEARNED.
不錄用
不錄用
THAT'S PROBABLY THAT THIS WORLD DOESN'T NEED ME.
AND THEN...
I FELL.

Near the border of Datra

Eek!
YOUR... HAND...
UM...
BROTHER,
AFTER THEM!!
THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO GO FAST.
ONE OF THEM'S JUST A GIRL.

...OH, SORRY.
RIGHT, YOU'RE NOT GOOD WITH GUYS.
I'M SORRY, BROTHER!!

IT'S FINE.
IT'S LIKE A TRADITION FOR YOUR PEOPLE, RIGHT?
I CAN'T EVEN REMEMBER HOW LONG IT TOOK
BEFORE KARSHA WOULD LET ME HOLD HER HAND...


KARSHA... SISTER...

...WE SHOULD GET GOING.
WE'RE ALMOST AT THE SHRINE OF NARAKA.

YOU STILL HAVEN'T FOUND THEM!?
WHAT!?
THIS CITY REEKS OF TRASH.
WE CAN'T SMELL ANYTHING HERE.
THERE'S NOWHERE ELSE FOR THEM TO RUN.
THEY'RE HEADED FOR THE SHRINE OF NARAKA.

THERE'S STILL A *HOLE* OPEN THERE.
WASN'T THAT PLACE ABANDONED LONG AGO?
THE SHRINE OF NARAKA...?
WHICH MEANS THE ADARL CAN STILL PRODUCE *AMBROSIA*.
THERE WILL BE AN ECLIPSE...
AND TONIGHT,
WHICH CAN ONLY MEAN...
AND THEY FLED TO THIS CITY,

THIS PLACE LOOKS EVEN WORSE THAN I REMEMBER.
IT'S JUST A SHRINE TO SOME GOD WHOSE NAME PEOPLE DON'T EVEN REMEMBER NOW.
AN ABANDONED... GOD...
...WE WERE SUPPOSED TO BE THE CHILDREN OF THE GODS...
BUT FATHER HAD US GIVE UP THEIR PROTECTION AND TURN TO SCIENCE IN ITS PLACE...
...IT WAS THE RIGHT THING TO DO.

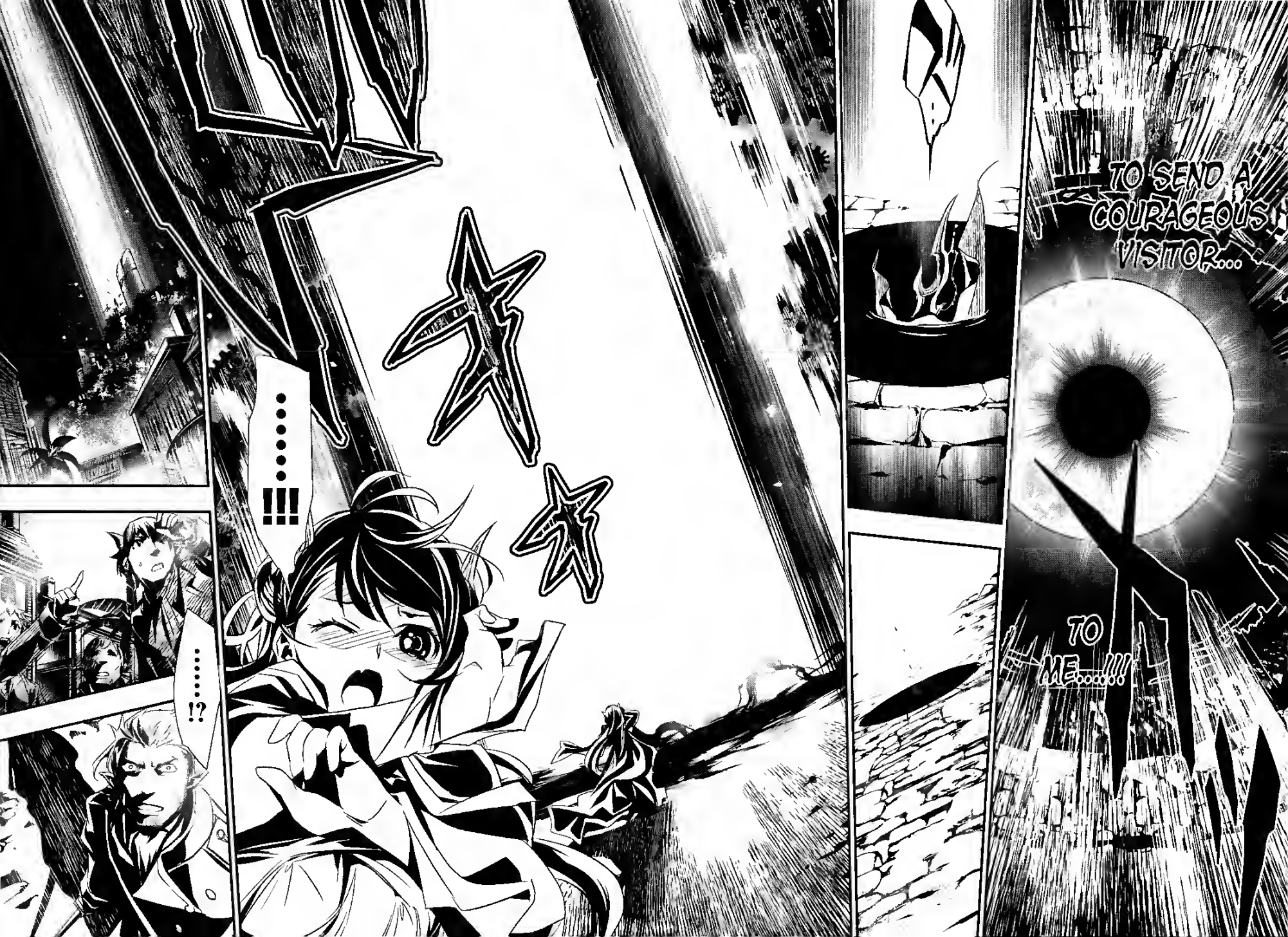
THE MOONS ARE IN POSITION.
THE ECLIPSE WILL START SOON.
WE CAN DO IT NOW...
IS THAT THE OFFERING?
THE HORN OF OUR ANCESTORS' GUARDIAN DEITY.
THIS IS THE LAST OF THE RAKSHASAS' SACRED TREASURES...

Wha!?
IF I WEREN'T, I COULD'VE JUST TAKEN YOUR DHARANI MYSELF.
TOO BAD I'M A HALF-ELF.
NO MATTER WHAT!!
REALLY?
N-NO! I COULDN'T!
TH... THAT'S...
...SPEAKING OF WHICH, HOW DO YOU GIVE IT TO SOMEONE, ANYWAY?
I THINK KARSHA WOULD PROBABLY HAVE KILLED ME IF I HAD.
AND...
A SECRET!!!

THEY CAUGHT OUR SCENT...
WE'LL BE FINE. JUST KEEP GOING.

I PLEA THAT YOU MAY ACCEPT THIS OFFERING I PRESENT!
O FORGOTTEN GOD, LORD OF NARAKA,
TO BESTOW UPON US A VISITOR FROM ANOTHER WORLD...
AND THAT YOU SHOULD SEE FIT

DAMN IT... THERE'S TOO MANY
IF EVEN ONE OF THEM GETS THROUGH, IT'S OVER..!!
I BEG OF YOU... TO SEND A KNIGHT WORTHY OF ACCEPTING MY DHARANI...


TO SEND A COURAGEOUS VISITOR...
TO ME...!!!
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HE'S HERE...!!!

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HE'S DEFINITELY A HUMAN...
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WHO... ARE...?
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...WAIT, SHE HAS HORNS!!?
WHOA! SHE'S CUTE...!!

HUH!?
HUH!?
HUUUH!!?
I AM SAKRA.
SAKRA SHAKUNTALA ADONIERA.
O VISITOR,
PLEASE LEND ME YOUR STRENGTH!!!
I CAN SEE THAT YOU ARE A KNIGHT ARMED WITH A SABER OF LIGHT.
I BEG OF YOU!!
PLEASE,
H... HOLD ON!!
UM... THIS ISN'T A WEAPON, IT'S...
PSHAW!
PSHAW!

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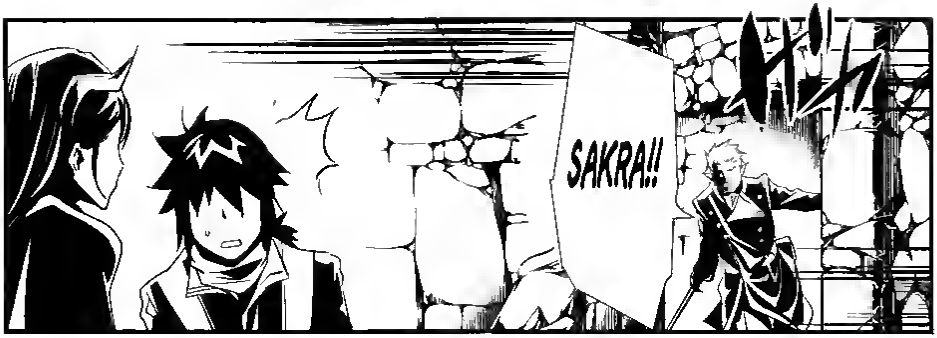
...AND MORE IMPORTANTLY...
...HUH?
...WHAT IS IT?
WHERE IS THIS PLACE?
AND WHO THE HECK AM I...?
!!?
WHAT TIME IS IT?


SAKRA!!

HUH? ANYWAY, WE SHOULD~
!!?
N... NO!!
A HUMAN!?
YOU DID IT!!
AND THAT WEAPON! IS HE A KNIGHT!?
BLAM

GUNS!!?

YOU!
ARE YOU THE VISITOR!?
KIIEK!!
HE'S... NOT HUMAN!!!
WAA-AAA-HH!!!
!!?

I...
I CAN'T...
WHAT THE HELL...!?
NO WAY...
I CAN'T DO THIS!!!
I...
I HEARD THE VISITOR WAS SOME KNIGHT.
BUT YOU'RE JUST PATHETIC.
S...
STAY AWAY FROM ME!!
WHAT THE HELL!?
WHAT'S GOING ON!?
WHAT DID I GET DRAGGED INTO!!?
AHHHHH!!

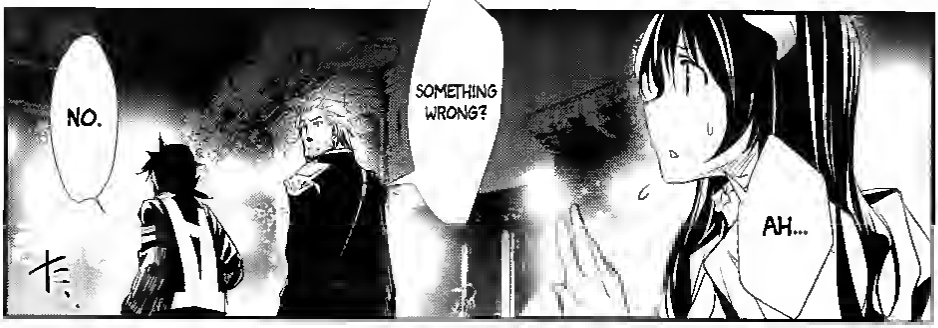
EEEK!!
I DON'T HAVE ANY SPARES,
SO I WAS HOPING TO SAVE MY BULLETS...
OH WELL.
HE...
UWAHH!! HE'S DEAD!?

O... OKAY!
OKAY?
BUT RIGHT NOW, WE NEED TO RUN.
I'M SURE YOU HAVE PLENTY OF QUESTIONS,
.....
WHY WOULD SOMEONE LIKE YOU...?
THIS ISN'T MY WORLD...
I CAN'T REMEMBER ANYTHING, BUT I STILL KNOW...
WHAT IS THIS PLACE...?

WATCH OUT!!
AH!!
DON'T TOUCH ME!!!
.....

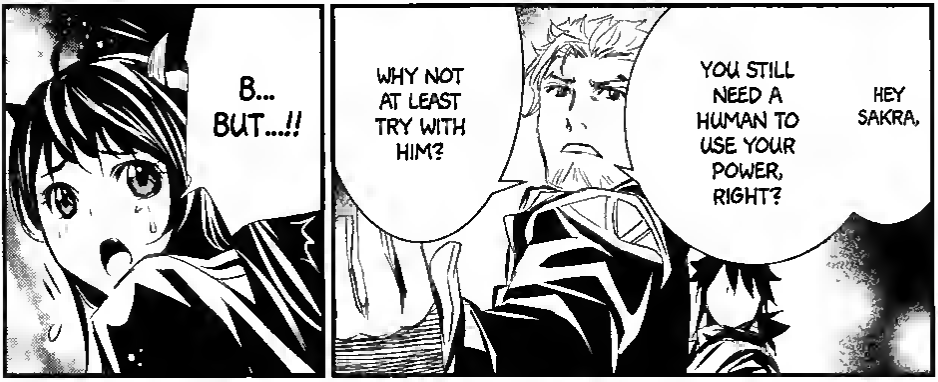
IT'S FINE.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.

I...
I... I DIDN'T MEAN IT LIKE THAT... UM...
I'M SORRY!!


NO.
SOMETHING WRONG?
AH...

HH!
THAT GIRL... IS A PRINCESS OF ADARL.
THERE'S TWO MOONS...
THIS REALLY IS...
ANOTHER WORLD.
BUT HER COUNTRY WAS ATTACKED...
AND SHE MAY BE THE ONLY SURVIVOR NOW.

AND YOU GOT ME...
...SO WE HAD TO CALL ONE HERE.
WELL, HUMANS ARE INCREDIBLY RARE IN THIS WORLD, YOU SEE.
SO WE WERE SEARCHING FOR A HUMAN TO HELP US...


B... BUT...!!
WHY NOT AT LEAST TRY WITH HIM?
YOU STILL NEED A HUMAN TO USE YOUR POWER, RIGHT?
HEY SAKRA,

SORRY.
IT'S OUR FAULT FOR BRINGING YOU HERE.
SO AT THE VERY LEAST
WE'LL KEEP YOU SAFE
はっ
HE FLED FROM BATTLE AND LOOKS INCREDIBLY WEAK.
I DON'T THINK I'D WANT TO RELY ON SOMEONE LIKE HIM IN A FIGHT...

I'M USELESS HERE TOO...
OF COURSE.
...HERE "TOO?"
RIGHT.
I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ELSE...
BUT I CAN REMEMBER THIS...
EVEN THERE... I WAS...
UM... I'M SORRY.
PLEASE, DON'T APOLO-GIZE!

YOU DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WRONG!!
WE'RE THE ONES WHO GOT OUR HOPES UP,
NOT YOU...
I'M THE ONE WHO SHOULD BE SORRY!!
DID YOU REALLY THINK THIS WOULD BE ENOUGH TO ESCAPE ME?

THAT TATTOO...
YOU'RE FROM HASAS!!
...!!
THE PRINCESS OF ADARL WHO SLIPPED THROUGH OUR FINGERS...
SO YOU POSSESS THE AMBROSIA.
SO WHAT IF SHE DOES?
OH, YOU'LL FIND OUT.
...GET HIM, OGRES.
TCH!!

FORGET HIM.
BROTHER!!
YOU SHOULD BE WORRIED ABOUT YOURSELF RIGHT NOW.
SWEAR TO ME
THAT YOU WILL OFFER THE POWER OF THE AMBROSIA TO HASAS,
AND YOU WILL BE ALLOWED TO LIVE.

NEVER!!
I SWORE ON THE BODIES OF MY PARENTS
THAT I WOULD RESTORE OUR COUNTRY.
...TO USE THE AMBROSIA
TO TAKE BACK MY LAND AND PEOPLE!!
I WILL NOT LET IT BECOME YOUR TOOL!

I WOULD RATHER
DIE WHERE I STAND NOW!!
.....!!!
DIE... THEN SO BE IT.

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FOOL...

WHY YOOOO-UUUU!!!
!!
WH... WHY...?

I... JUST...
THOUGHT... YOU LOOKED... CUTE...
YOU IDIOT...
I... SAID SUCH HORRIBLE THINGS TO YOU...
I... ALWAYS MESS UP WHEN IT REALLY MATTERS...
EVERYONE ALWAYS SAID...
I WAS USELESS...
SO I JUST THOUGHT...
IF I COULD HELP YOU JUST ONE TIME...
THEN I'D BE OKAY WITH DYING...

AND JUST WHO GAVE THEE PERMISSION TO DIE?
GAH...!!!
JUST ONE TIME? WOULD IT NOT BE MORE FITTING
TO DEVOTE THY LIFE TO ME UNTIL IT ENDS?

SAK...
RA...?
SAKRA
SHOULD HAVE MORE FAITH IN HERSELF AS WELL.
THAT THE MAN SHE CALLED FORTH FROM A FAR-OFF WORLD
WOULD INDEED BE CAPABLE OF FULFILLING HER DESIRE...
YOU MEAN... ME...?
INDEED
NOW, ANSWER ME THIS.

ARE THOU PREPARED TO ACCEPT INTO THYSELF
THE DIVINITY WITHIN MY BREAST, AND ITS CURSE?

IF YOU... WON'T HAVE TO CRY ANYMORE...
SUCH SWEET WORDS.
THEN FROM TODAY FORTH, THOU SHALT SERVE ME...
NOW PARTAKE...
OF MY SWEET NECTAR...
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NNN...
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AH...
AAAHHHH...!

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GR...
RRG...
IS THAT... THE DHARANI!!?

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